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Article 4

1. The Central German Archives, the archives administrations of the Laender, and the archives offices of the Laender shall operate as prescribed by directives issued by the Division of Archives, GDR Ministry of Interior.
2. The Laender Ministries of Interior shall be responsible for archives in the Laender.
3. The execution of the tasks assigned to the Laender shall be the responsibility of the archives administrations of the Laender.
4. The Division of Archives, GDR Ministry of Interior, and the archives administrations shall supervise and guide the communal and state-accredited archives in their functions.

Article 5

1. The Division of Archives, GDR Ministry of Interior, with the approval of the Regierungskanzlei (the office of the Ministry President) and the Ministries of the German Democratic Republic, shall determine which official records are to be preserved, and the time when such records shall be turned over to the archives.
2. No agency shall be authorized to destroy any official records, business documents, etc., without the approval of the competent archives authorities.
3. Regulations issued by the archives administrations of the Laender shall remain in effect until further notice.

Article 6

1. The Division of Archives, GDR Ministry of Interior, shall issue directives for the use and exploitation for scientific research and for administrative, legal, political, sociological, and private purposes of material contained in the archives.
2. Directives to archives offices not directly subordinate to the Ministry of Interior shall be issued with the approval of the competent ministry.

Article 7

1. New personnel for the archives offices shall be trained, under the direction of the Division of Archives, GDR Ministry of Interior, at the Deutsche Verwaltungsschule Walter Ulbricht (Walter Ulbricht German Academy of Administration) in Forst Zinna, with the approval of the personnel department of the GDR Ministry of Interior.

Article 8

The exchange or transfer of documents from the GDR Archives to other parts of Germany or to foreign countries shall be subject to approval by the GDR Ministry of Interior.

Article 9

This directive shall be effective on publication.

Berlin, 13 July 1950
Dr Steinhoff, Minister
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